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Re: docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

To Whom it May Concern:

The year, 1987! Great Britain, after witnessing the cruel egg industry practice of forced molting of layer hens, humanely banned it. The United States, not only continues this harsh procedure, but is supported by the august and respected American Veterinary Medical Association.

Apparently, little emphasis is placed on the physical discomfort of the affected fowl. Even though the hens may literally be starved for one or two weeks, denied water for up to three days and frequently medicated; the egg industry continues this exploitation. The fact that very many hens succumb to shock during this period is of concern only because of the monetary loss.

I exigently ask the USDA take a firm and positive stand in the opposition of induced or forced molting of layer hens.

Respectfully,

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